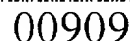


Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION



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1. Specification: 26 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☐ Original ☒ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 11 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 13 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete item 6 or 7). (Prior M# _____ SN _____)
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No.	/	filed	
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7. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications
8. ☐ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in JAPAN

11. _____ (country)

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-98050	March 31, 2000	(2) 2001-70834	March 13, 2001
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	
(7)		(8)	
(9)		<input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities	

12. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. _____ / _____ filed on _____
13. Small entity status ☐ is not claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)
- 13(a). ☐ Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)
- 13(b). ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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(2)		(5)	
(3)		(6)	

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
18. Basic Filing Fee				\$710/\$355	\$710	101/201
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20. Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	*0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ 0	102/202
*If answer is zero or less, enter "0"						
21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				+ \$270/\$135	+ 0	104/204
22. TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED =				\$710		
23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				+ \$130	+ 0	139
24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee				+ \$40	+ 0	581
25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.				+ \$130	+ 0	122
26. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$710		

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